

Mortgage Interest Credit
(For Holders of Qualified Mortgage Credit Certificates Issued by
State or Local Governmental Units or Agencies.)

▶ See instructions on back.
▶ Attach to Form 1040.

Name(s) shown on Form 1040

Your social security number

Enter the address of your main home on which the credit is claimed if it is different from the address shown on Form 1040.

Part I Mortgage Interest Credit

1	Interest paid on the certified indebtedness amount. If someone else (other than your spouse if filing jointly) also held an interest in the home, enter only your share of the interest paid.	1		
2	Enter the certificate credit rate shown on your mortgage credit certificate	2		%
3	If line 2 is 20% or less, multiply line 1 by line 2. If line 2 is more than 20%, see instructions for amount to enter. You must reduce your mortgage interest deduction on Schedule A (Form 1040) by this amount	3		
4	Enter any credit carryforward from 1993 (line 18 of your 1995 Form 8396)	4		
5	Enter any credit carryforward from 1994 (line 16 of your 1995 Form 8396)	5		
6	Enter any credit carryforward from 1995 (line 19 of your 1995 Form 8396)	6		
7	Add lines 3 through 6.	7		
8	Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 38.	8		
9	Add the amounts from Form 1040, lines 39 and 40, and enter the total	9		
10	Subtract line 9 from line 8. If zero or less, enter -0-.	10		
11	Mortgage Interest Credit. Enter the smaller of line 7 or line 10. See the instructions for the amount of credit to enter on Form 1040, line 42. Be sure to check box b on that line	11		

Part II Mortgage Interest Credit Carryforward to 1997. (Complete only if line 11 is less than line 7.)

12	Add lines 3 and 4	12		
13	Enter the amount from line 7	13		
14	Enter the larger of line 11 or line 12.	14		
15	Subtract line 14 from line 13	15		
16	1995 credit carryforward to 1997. Enter the smaller of line 6 or line 15	16		
17	Subtract line 16 from line 15	17		
18	1994 credit carryforward to 1997. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 17	18		
19	1996 credit carryforward to 1997. Subtract line 11 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	19		

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If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write or call the IRS. See the Instructions for Form 1040.

General Instructions

Purpose of Form.—Form 8396 is used by an individual who holds a qualified mortgage credit certificate (MCC) issued by a state or local governmental unit or agency. The form is used to figure the mortgage interest credit for the current year and any carryforward to the following year.

Who May Claim the Credit.—You may claim the credit **only** if you were issued a qualified MCC by a state or local governmental unit or agency under a qualified mortgage credit certificate program.

Caution: *Certificates issued by the Federal Housing Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Farmers Home Administration, and Homestead Staff Exemption Certificates do not qualify for the credit.*

The home to which the certificate relates must be your main home and must also be located in the jurisdiction of the governmental unit that issued the certificate.

Refinanced Mortgage Credit Certificates.—You can refinance your mortgage without losing this Federal subsidy if your existing MCC is reissued and the reissued certificate meets the following conditions.

1. The reissued certificate must be issued to the holder(s) of the existing certificate for the same property,
2. The reissued certificate must entirely replace the existing certificate. The holder cannot retain any portion of the outstanding balance of the existing certificate,
3. The certified indebtedness specified on the reissued certificate cannot exceed the outstanding balance shown on the existing certificate,
4. The credit rate (line 2) of the reissued certificate cannot exceed the credit rate of the existing certificate,
5. The reissued certificate cannot result in an increase in a line 3 credit that would otherwise have been allowable under the existing certificate for any tax year, and
6. The issuer (the city, county, or state agency) reissued the certificate after December 21, 1993, but no later than 1 year after the date of refinancing.

If, in the year you refinanced, the certificate credit rates are different, attach a statement showing the separate calculations for lines 1, 2, and 3 for the applicable parts of the year when the original MCC and the reissued MCC were in effect. Combine the amounts of each line 3, enter the total on line 3 of the form and write "see attached" on the dotted line.

For more details, get **Form 8828**, Recapture of Federal Mortgage Subsidy, and read the special rules for refinancing your home, or see Temporary Regulations section 1.25-3T(p).

Related Persons.—If the interest on the mortgage for which the credit certificate was issued was paid to a related person, you cannot claim the credit.

Recapture of Credit.—If you purchased a home after 1990 using an MCC, and sell that home within 9 years, you may have to recapture (repay) a portion of the credit. For more details, get **Pub. 523**, Selling Your Home, and Form 8828.

Specific Instructions

Note: *If you refinanced during the year, see Refinanced Mortgage Credit Certificates above.*

Line 1.—Enter the interest you paid during the year on the loan amount shown on your mortgage credit certificate. In most cases, this will be the amount shown on **Form 1098**, Mortgage Interest Statement, in box 1, or on a similar statement that you received from your mortgage holder. The loan amount (certified indebtedness amount) shown on your MCC may be less than your total mortgage loan. If so, you must allocate the interest to determine what part relates to the amount of the loan covered by the MCC. See **Pub. 530**, Tax Information for First-Time Homeowners, for an example of how to make this allocation.

Line 3.—If the certificate credit rate shown on line 2 is more than 20%, do not enter more than \$2,000 on line 3.

If you and someone else (other than your spouse if you file jointly) held an interest in the home, the \$2,000 limit must

be allocated to each owner in proportion to the interest held. See Pub. 530 for an example of how to make the allocation.

Reduction of Home Mortgage Interest on Schedule A (Form 1040).—If you itemize your deductions on **Schedule A (Form 1040)**, you must subtract the amount shown on line 3 of Form 8396 from the total deductible interest you paid on your home mortgage, even if part of the amount on line 3 is carried forward to 1997.

Line 11.—You may need to complete **Form 6251**, Alternative Minimum Tax—Individuals, because the amount from line 24 of that form may limit the amount of your credit. Use the worksheet below to see if you need to complete Form 6251 and to figure the amount of credit to enter on Form 1040.

Lines 12 through 19.—If the amount on line 11 is less than the amount on line 7, you may have an unused credit to carry forward to the next 3 tax years or until used, whichever comes first. Because the unused credit can only be carried forward for 3 years, you will have to keep track of each year's unused credit. The current year credit is used first and then the prior year credits, beginning with the earliest prior year.

If you have any unused credit to carry forward to 1997, be sure you keep a copy of the form. You will need this information to figure your credit for 1997.

Note: *If you are subject to the \$2,000 credit limitation because your certificate credit rate is more than 20%, no amount over the \$2,000 for any tax year (or your prorated share of the \$2,000 if you must allocate the credit) may be carried forward for use in a later year.*

Line 11—Worksheet (keep a copy for your records)

1. Enter the amount from Form 8396, line 11 _____
2. Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 22, plus any net operating loss deduction and tax-exempt interest from private activity bonds issued after August 7, 1986 _____
Note: *If line 2 is more than \$150,000 (\$112,500 if single or head of household; \$75,000 if married filing separately) OR you file Schedule C, C-EZ, D, E, or F, of Form 1040, complete Form 6251 through line 24. Then, complete only lines 5, 8, 9, and 10 below. Otherwise, go to line 3.*
3. Enter \$45,000 (\$33,750 if single or head of household; \$22,500 if married filing separately) _____
4. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, **stop here**; enter on Form 1040, line 42, the amount from line 1 above. Otherwise, go to line 5. _____
5. Enter the amount from Form 8396, line 10 _____
6. Multiply line 4 by 26% (.26) _____
7. Subtract line 6 from line 5. If zero or less, enter -0-. _____
Next: *If line 7 is equal to or more than line 1 above, stop here; enter the amount from line 1 on Form 1040, line 42. Otherwise, complete Form 6251 through line 24, and lines 8, 9, and 10 below.*
8. Enter the amount from Form 6251, line 24 _____
9. Subtract line 8 from line 5. If zero or less, enter -0- _____
10. Enter the smaller of line 1 or line 9 here and on Form 1040, line 42. If line 9 is the smaller amount, write "AMT" in the left margin next to line 42 and replace the amount on Form 8396, line 11, with this line 10 amount. Also check box **b** on line 42 of Form 1040. _____

